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THE DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN REF A THAT WE SHOULD MOVE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TOWARD ALLIED AGREEMENT ON PROVIDING ARMS TO JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS AND THAT THIS AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED UNTIL THE MORE DIFFICULT RELATED ISSUES ARE RESOLVED. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ARMING OF JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS CAN TAKE PLACE WITHOUT ANY CHANGES IN ALLIED LEGISLATION. WE HOPE THAT THE REALIZATION OF THIS FACT WILL FINALLY ALLOW THE FRENCH TO AGREE TO IT. WE AGREE WITH USBER CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT EXCLUDING COURT-APPOINTED DEFENSE LAWYERS FROM SUCH AN INITIAL STEP MAY BE INCONSISTENT, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT SOME ACTION IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE IS PREFERABLE TO A PROLONGED WAIT FOR A COMPLETELY SATISFYING SOLUTION. VANCE

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